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Title	IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS
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10 sheets of informal drawings are included.

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Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 on the basis of the following foreign application:

Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-266722 filed September 12, 2002.

Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-182324 filed June 26, 2003.

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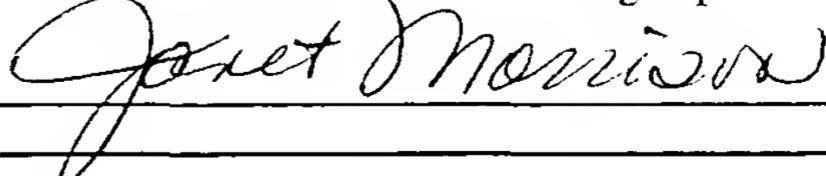
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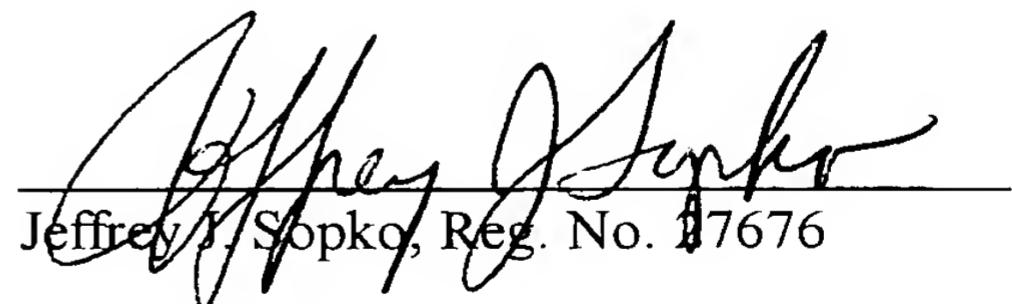
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